

MUST TAKE PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Army Ordered to Renew Attack on Fortress.

BESIEGERS ARE GAINING.

Stronghold Must Fall So That Oyama Can Be Reinforced—Available Men All in Field.

The supreme effort of Japan to win the war with Russia is to put forth immediately. The Emperor has ordered General Nogi's army, besieging Port Arthur, to assault the fortress, and continue the assault until the fortress falls, no matter how great the loss of life.

This information comes to Washington from a source so near the imperial household that there is not the slightest reason to doubt its authenticity. Diplomatic reasons alone constrain the suppression of the name of the informant. This government knows the information is authentic.

General Kouropatkin's successful stand against the armies Japan has sent against him is the immediate cause of what is regarded as almost a panic order to General Nogi at Port Arthur. High officers of the army intelligence office are of the opinion that Japan cannot send a larger force against Kouropatkin without making sacrifices that would appeal even to the patriotic people of that country.

The army besieging Port Arthur is needed to reinforce the troops in front of Kouropatkin's army south of Mukden. Without it, apparently, Field Marshal Oyama cannot make further progress. Another fact is that the besiegers of Port Arthur are not prepared to camp there during the long and severe winter.

So far as navy officers can learn the sailing of the Baltic fleet has very little, if any, effect upon Japanese calculations. It cannot arrive until so late in the winter that even if it should disembark the Japanese fleet it is likely to be too late to help Stoesel. It is Oyama's need of men that causes this appalling order, which will cost thousands of Japanese soldiers' lives.

1,000 SLAUGHTERED.

Followers of False Prophet Shot Down by Peasants.

An uprising is reported from the province of Altai, Siberia. As a result some 1,000 Kalmack tribesmen have been slaughtered. The Kalmacks, who are exceedingly bloodthirsty, have been stirred to a frenzy by a high priest, Airod by name, who has claimed to be endowed with prophetic powers, and whose stories of coming greatness for the tribe were accepted as gospel by his deluded followers.

Fearing trouble, the government some time ago armed the peasants with modern rifles, and it being reported that an uprising was imminent, let them loose against the Kalmacks. A fearful slaughter followed, the clubs of the tribesmen being of no use against the bullets of their opponents, and after the fight was over more than 1,000 tribesmen were found dead, while many others were badly wounded.

The prophet, Airod, was captured unharmed and laden with chains.

HUNGER FELT IN IRELAND.

Great Suffering Owing to Failure of Potato Crop.

The failure of the potato crop is causing great distress and suffering among the peasantry of Connemara. The Galway county council adopted resolutions urging the government, in view of the pressing need, to afford assistance by providing relief works, especially in the congested districts, and by supplying cheap potatoes for the coming season. The council suggested, among other things, the development of mineral resources.

Reports from various districts of Ireland state that the pinch of hunger is already severely felt, especially on the Mayo seaboard.

THE WISCONSIN VOTE.

Roosevelt Receives 279,053, Against 125,803 for Parker.

The official returns from the recent election in Wisconsin, as compiled by a Milwaukee newspaper from figures sent by correspondents at the various county seats, show the government to have been as follows for President: Roosevelt, 279,053; Parker, 125,803; Debs, 27,170; Swallow, 7,836; Populists, 79; Social Labor, 57. Plurality for Roosevelt, 153,250. The Legislature, with one seat to be contested, will stand, Republicans, 111; Democrats, 16; Social Democrats, 5.

Survivors in Distress.

A story of sickness, hunger and starvation has come to the state department from Mr. Norton, the American consul at Harput in a report upon the condition of the Sassau population in the Mush district. The consul says of the 10,000 survivors of the recent massacre, few have saved anything but their lives. Nearly every house in the region was ransacked and burned.

SAVINGS BANK WRECKED.

Robbers Use Nitroglycerin in Reaching the Strong Box.

At La Plata, Charles county, Md., robbers blew up and practically destroyed the building of the Southern Maryland Savings Bank. They secured \$3,000 in cash. Nitroglycerin is supposed to have been the explosive used. The robbers, after securing the money, made their escape, but cut the telegraph and telephone wires before leaving the vicinity.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Engines Caught Shifting Crew While on Siding.

While an engine was shifting a car at McGarveys, on the Pennsylvania railroad, five miles west of Altoona, two light engines used to assist freight trains up the mountain, came down and struck them. Two men were killed and two injured.

The dead: Fireman George Chase, of Henrietta; Clerk William Coxy, of Altoona. The injured: Engineer John Clark, of Derry; head and body incased. Caller George Clapper, of Altoona; left foot ground off; sprains and fractured skull.

The freight car was part of a west-bound train of empties that had been cut out to be sent to the Altoona shops for repairs.

After being shifted on a siding Engineer Clark was returning to his train when the snappers ran him down. Chase, Coxy and Clapper were all riding on Clark's engine. The injured men were brought to the Altoona hospital.

STOLE LAND BY WHOLESALE.

United States District Attorney Making Big Headway in Fraud Cases.

Link by link the government is forcing the chain of evidence by which it is hoped to prove the evidence of a conspiracy to defraud the United States of thousands of acres of public lands.

United States District Attorney General Henry bent their energies to convince the jury at Portland, Ore., by the testimony of A. W. Barber, a clerk in the general land office, that the claims in the now notorious "11-7" district, for which homestead patents were issued, were never improved or resided on by any of the claimants to whom they were awarded, and that the issuance of patents was upon testimony false from beginning to end. The country is mountainous. There were no roads, no houses, no fences, no fields, no barns, not any of the other homestead requirements of which testimony is made in the proofs.

NAVAL TRAINING SITE.

Board Selected Lake Bluff, Near Chicago, for the Station.

Lake Bluff, Ill., 30 miles north of Chicago, will be the site of a new naval training station for which Congress has appropriated \$250,000. A board consisting of Capt. W. H. Reeder, William M. Bradley and H. M. Waite, after having toured the Great Lakes, hearing the claims as to the qualifications of a dozen cities and towns, decided that from the standpoint of accessibility, healthfulness and topography, Lake Bluff is the most desirable location. They so reported to President Roosevelt. He approved the report.

Nothing now remains except for the citizens of Chicago to carry out their intention to transfer five acres of sandy ground, valued at \$175,000, to the navy department, which will proceed to dredge the harbor and erect the buildings necessary for the housing and training of from 2,000 to 3,000 naval recruits.

New Hampshire's Vote.

The vote of the State in the recent election shows that President Roosevelt received a plurality of 20,184. The official vote is as follows: Roosevelt, 41,719; Parker, 23,925; Swallow, 719; Debs, 1,090; Watson, 83.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The Missouri state building at the world's fair was destroyed by fire, resulting from the explosion of a hot water heater in the basement.

John Higgins of Youngstown, O., an employe of the Republic Iron and Steel company, had his right foot caught in a gear and cut off.

The six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grief, of Duloo, Pa., was accidentally shot in the head by her 12-year-old brother. The wound is serious.

Burglars entered the meat market of Hitchcock Bros., at New Castle, Pa., and stole a large quantity of meats, provisions and turkeys prepared for Thanksgiving.

Pearl, daughter of Ostar Jones, of Huntington, W. Va., took carbolic acid and died after telling her father that she had committed suicide.

Fire at Minneapolis, Minn., destroyed the Hill building, the property of James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, causing a loss of \$90,000.

The dead body of Jacob Dryhaug, postmaster at Shotley, Minn., has been found, and it is thought that he met with foul play.

The animals presented to President Roosevelt by King Menelik, arrived, and were housed at the National Zoological park.

Floyd Grundy, night operator for the Grand Trunk railway at Swartz Creek, Mich., was bound by robbers, who rifled the safe, but secured little booty.

Mrs. George Gay, wife of a farmer near St. Joe, Mo., was found dead in her home, with her throat cut and her hands and feet pinioned. No motive for the crime is known.

C. T. Voorhees, a Philadelphia refrigerator engineer, has sued the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company for \$45,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by the withdrawal of a contract for refrigerators.

Lowered the Flag.

Displeased by some action of the natives, Mr. Ross Davis, the American consul at Alexandria, is reported to have lowered the American flag from the consulate during a recent celebration in honor of the accession of the Sultan. It is said the officials and people of Alexandria regard the action of the consul as an insult, and it is expected at the state department that a complaint on the subject will reach here soon from Constantinople.

VICTIMS OF AN OLD FEUD

One Killed and Three Wounded in Kentucky.

TWO HUNDRED SHOTS FIRED.

Crowd of Citizens Arrived in Time to Disperse the Mob—Reward Offered.

The attempted murder of a 10-year-old boy with an ax and the flight of a wounded woman a mile to safety were the features of a feud fight near Yorkville, Ky., in which over 200 shots were fired. The arrival of a posse of neighbors drove off the opposing faction, leaving one dead and two wounded on the ground.

Yorkville is on the Big Sandy river. The Wallace and Curry factions, survivors of many battles, were the principals. Thomas Curry is dead and John Anderson, Henry Monroe and Mrs. John Wallace are seriously injured, while Claude Marcum, the 10-year-old brother of Mrs. Wallace, is not expected to live from rough treatment at the hands of the Curry faction.

The old embers of hatred between the Currys and Wallaces have burned many years, due to the refusal of John Wallace to let his cross-rivers saloon open later than 12 o'clock. The attacking party was headed by John Curry, a veteran of the feud days of the seventies, and his son, Thomas Curry, under indictment for the cold-blooded murder of J. Wilbert York, a cousin of John Wallace.

After the Curry crowd had started away from the Wallace saloon they decided to return for more whiskey. They knocked at the door of Wallace's house, and Mrs. Wallace refused them entrance, saying that her husband had not returned. Then they burst in the door and dragging the woman and her little brother into the yard, bound the lad hand and foot and placed his head across a log.

Thomas Curry was in the act of raising an ax to decapitate the boy when a bullet from a rifle in the hands of Wallace, in a second story window, killed him instantly. The crowd then opened fire on Mrs. Wallace, who ran for assistance. She was shot in the hip and shoulder, dragging herself a half mile to a place of safety. She rode to Louise, Ky., summoning the Sheriff and his deputies to the scene.

In the meantime a battle was going on at the Wallace residence, which ended in the Curry party killing all the live stock in the barn. The home of the Wallaces was reduced almost to kindling wood. The list of casualties is low on account of the fact that Wallace saved his ammunition till the last, while the crowd emptied their guns in an endeavor to reach him through the walls. The attacking party did not desist until armed neighbors arrived from the surrounding farms. The Sheriff has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of any member of the mob.

Japs Lost 500 Men.

The Japanese lost 500 men in the attacks of November 17 and November 18, and were evidently disheartened. When they renewed the attack November 19 the Japanese sent out several battalions from Double Humped hill, but their movements lacked decision. The Russians opened fire from Poutiloff (Lone Tree) hill, and a neighboring eminence. Several shells burst in the midst of the advancing Japanese columns and caught them. The Japanese also tried a turning operation at Chantlinda, but there also they were dispersed.

German Treaty Signed.

The American-German arbitration treaty was signed at the State Department by Secretary Hay and Baron von Sternburg, the German Ambassador. It is identical with the American-French treaty.

A CRAZY MANS ACT.

Stripped His Children and Set Fire to Clothing.

Ten days ago the wife of Alon Salem, miner at Robertsdale, Huntingdon county, Pa., suddenly became mentally deranged from worrying over sickness in the family and her husband remained at home to care for her and their six children. His ill luck and his wife's condition, so preyed upon his mind that he, too, became mentally unbalanced and in a frenzy decided to burn his house and cremate the family.

Locking the doors he stripped the children naked. He then ignited their clothing at the kitchen range and forcing them into one room waited for the flames to accomplish his purpose. Neighbors saw the blaze and called the firemen, who quickly removed the children and extinguished the fire.

Salem, eluding the firemen, fled from the house armed with two butcher knives and sought refuge in a neighboring woods, terrorizing the people he encountered. Before he could do any harm, however, he was overpowered by other miners and will be taken to an asylum.

Lost Bank's Money.

Arnold Beuthien, until two months ago cashier and one of the largest stockholders in savings banks at New Liberty and Dixon, Ia., was arrested in Chicago, charged with the embezzlement of \$60,000 of the bank's funds. Beuthien is said to have invested heavily in a Chicago amusement company and other ventures. His investments proved unprofitable, and his own money and the money of the banks was lost. When arrested Beuthien had but \$1.65 in his possession.

Vote in West Virginia.

Official returns from the last of the 55 counties of the State, Raleigh, have been secured by the Associated Press correspondent, thus making possible for the first time publication of the complete vote of West Virginia at the late general election. Roosevelt's plurality in the State is 32,002. The Congressional pluralities are as follows: First, Davenport, R., 6,754; Second, Dayton, R., 2,353; Third, Gaines, R., 4,013; Fourth, Woodard, R., 3,951; Fifth, Hughes, R., 6,097.

NEW ANTHRACITE ROAD.

Shortens Distance Between Boston and Pittsburg.

A contract has been awarded to a New York Company for the construction of the New York, Pennsylvania and Southwestern railroad, a line of railroad between Binghamton, N. Y., and Williamsport, Pa., 116 miles in length. The New York, Pennsylvania and Southwestern railroad will connect with the Delaware and Hudson, Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Reading, Lehigh and Pennsylvania railroads. It opens up a new anthracite coal territory, and, it is said, shortens the distance between Boston and New England points and Pittsburg and the West by 100 miles or more. The cost of the road and equipment is \$1,500,000.

CREW LANDS HALF NAKED.

Steamer Burns on Lake Erie and Those Aboard Escape in Boat.

The coal steamer Philip Minch, on its way from Fairport to Sandusky, O., was burned to the water's edge about eight miles east of Marblehead. The crew of 17 men was forced to abandon the burning boat, while several miles out in the lake, and reached Sandusky in an exhausted condition, many of them half naked because of having been aroused from sleep. The fire started in the stern of the boat from a cause not determined. Capt. B. A. Benson, ordered the men off in a yawl boat at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

30,000 PERSONS DESTITUTE.

Talautse Islands Visited by Destructive Hurricanes.

The Talautse Islands, northeast of Celebes, Malay archipelago, have been visited by a disastrous hurricane, causing the sea to rise to such an extent that it flooded the islands and left 30,000 persons destitute, their homes, boats and plantations being destroyed.

Blew Up a House and 25 Japs.

Gen. Kurapatkin reports that four volunteers of a Russian patrol while reconnoitering November 16 discovered a Chinese building occupied by 25 Japanese. Four riflemen armed with grenades loaded with proxynin succeeded in evading the sentries and placed the grenades, which a few minutes later exploded, completely wrecking the building, killing or wounding all the occupants.

Swiss Treaty Signed.

Secretary Hay and Mr. Probst, the Swiss charge d'affaires, signed an arbitration treaty on behalf of the United States and Switzerland at the State Department. It follows the lines of the American and French arbitration treaty.

Blockade Runner Captured.

The Japanese navy department reports the capture of the German steamer Batelan while attempting to run the Port Arthur blockade. On board of the vessel was found a great quantity of winter clothing, blankets, medicine and corned meats.

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

At the age of 107 years Mrs. Julia Zoussak, probably the oldest white person on the Pacific coast, is dead.

Roy Scott, a college student whose mania is to kill women, was arrested at Salt Lake City when about to attack Miss Elsie Gallacher with a knife.

Schuyler Baird, under arrest at Louisville, Ky., has confessed to breaking open the trunk of D. S. H. Holley and taking diamonds worth \$20,000.

Secretary Taft and party has sailed for Panama, where the Secretary will board the cruiser Columbia. Both vessels will then sail for Panama.

George Rosenberg, cashier of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's office at Skagway, was recently sandwiched and robbed of \$1,500 when alone in the office.

As the guest of the Exposition management and the Japanese World's Fair Commission Prince Fushimi, cousin of the Emperor of Japan, was feted at the World's fair with great pomp and ceremony.

Thomas W. McGregor, clerk in the rural free delivery division of the Postoffice Department at Baltimore, who, with C. Ellsworth Upton, was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the Government on a pouch contract last year, went to the penitentiary to begin his term of two years.

Teinators of Chicago whose strike against the Furniture Manufacturers' Association was the cause for rioting last week, have returned to work. The employers signed an agreement with the drivers promising that there should be no discrimination against union members, and also agreeing to increase wages.

Detectives left Bluefield, W. Va., for New York, having in charge Professor Popp, who will be turned over to the Austrian Consul, charged with complicity in the robbery of the post-office at Budapest.

A man, a laborer in appearance, who had been removed from a squalid lodging house, died at the Boston City Hospital, having in his possession deeds to property in Chicago to the value of \$50,000, as well as a large amount of cash. The deeds are in the name of Marian Furgere. The man registered as F. Navin of Boston.

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RUSSIANS WANT REFORMS

Citizens Demand a Part in the Making of Laws.

GENERAL AMNESTY ASKED FOR.

Memorial Embodying These Wishes to be Presented to the Minister of the Interior.

"In order to secure the proper development of the life of the State and the people, it is imperatively necessary that there be regular participation of national representatives, sitting as an especially elected body, to make laws, regulate the revenue and expenditures and control the legality of the actions of the administration."

That is the final form of the declaration of the zemstvo representatives of Russia in favor of the election of a body, not merely to participate in legislation, but to be entrusted with the framing of the laws of the empire.

The meeting also adopted a declaration in favor of granting general amnesty to political offenders imprisoned or exiled by administrative order.

This completed programme, declaring the necessity of the participation by the people in the Government, was signed by 102 zemstvo Presidents, including 30 Presidents of provincial zemstvo committees out of 32 who attended the meeting. The two who did not sign the memorial were not present when signatures were called for. They represent the provinces of St. Petersburg and Kherson.

This document, setting forth the necessity of reform, is all the more striking because the zemstvo organizations, as confirmed by the Government. The signatories also included five marshals of the nobility, the elections to which offices also are confirmed by the Government. The memorial will be presented to the Minister of the Interior, Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas Send Complete Figures.

Official returns of the recent election in Missouri give Joseph W. Folk, D., for governor, a plurality of 30,000. The total vote was: Folk, 326,652; Walbridge, R., 296,552. The vote for the other gubernatorial candidates follows: Hill, P., 5,591; Bohrens, S., 11,031; Aldridge, P. P., 2,801; White, S. L., 1,442; Folk's majority, 9,235.

The count of votes for governor of Nebraska was officially completed. Governor Miesky, has a plurality of 9,153 over G. W. Berge, fusion candidate, and a majority over all candidates of 1,211. The official count for President is not completed. With two counties missing Roosevelt's plurality is \$4,553.

Official figures on the result of the election in Kansas were given out tonight. Roosevelt receives a plurality of 124,582. Hoch, R., is elected governor over Dale, D., by a plurality of 68,815.

DRIVING RUSSIANS IN.

Weather Extremely Cold with Winds and Clouds of Dust.

The Russian detachments occupying Da Pasa have retired before the Japanese column 1,000 strong. The same tactics have been followed immediately preceding previous battles. The Japanese are reported to be advancing toward Siantinlin, 30 miles east of Mukden.

It appears that the affair of November 18 at Lone Tree Hill was a reconnaissance in force and that, had it been successful, it was to be followed by a general attack. The Japanese got within 30 paces of the Russian outer positions before being driven back. They left over a hundred dead on the field.

The weather continues extremely cold, the thermometer recording 35 degrees of frost. The frost is accompanied by high winds, which carry clouds of dust.

REOPENING SMOOT CASE.

R. W. Tayler Asks Senator Burrows to Summon Witnesses.

Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, has received a letter from R. W. Tayler of Youngstown, O., the attorney who is conducting the case against Senator Smoot of Utah, in enclosing a list of witnesses whom he wishes summoned when the rehearing begins next month.

There are about 40 names and it is expected that at least 25 witnesses will be examined. It is possible that a sub-committee may go to Utah about the first of January to take testimony. Senator Burrows says he intends to have a report made to the senate in time for action before the adjournment of congress.

To Promote "Fighting Bob."

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, now president of the Lighthouse board, will be appointed to the supreme command of the North Atlantic fleet, when Rear Admiral Barker retires next March. Rear Admiral Davis will be second in command.

Boston Wool Market.

The wool market has been quiet the past week, but it has lost none of its strength. Territory wools continue active. Pulled wools are firmer. Foreign grades are quiet. Leading quotations follow: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 35@36c; X 30@31c; No. 1, 35@36c; No. 2, 35@36c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; 4-blood, unwashed, 31@32c; 2-blood, 29@30c; unwashed 4-balance, 27@27½c; unmerchantable, 29@30c; fine washed delaine, 36½@37c.

IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES.

Confidence Strengthened by Receipt of Large Orders for Manufactured Goods.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Retail and jobbing trade was retarded by unseasonably mild weather and the interruption of another holiday, but manufacturers extend operations as confidence is strengthened by the receipt of larger contracts for future delivery, and many inquiries that promise to mature in something more tangible. Postponed orders of all kinds are being placed on reports from every prominent industry, indicating that idle mills are reopening and the number of operatives gradually increasing. Cotton spinning makes the slowest progress, but the statistical portion steadily improves as stocks of goods diminish and the raw material declines nearer the point at which the mills can operate profitably. Other textile lines, footwear, and practically all branches of the iron and steel industry, are gaining steadily. Some delay is noted in the movement of freight while railway returns for November thus far show a gain of 6 per cent. over last year's gross earnings.

Improvement in the iron and steel industry continues, orders coming forward with increasing freedom, despite the upward trend of prices. Practically all lines of standard shapes are on a higher level, except steel rails, and there is less agitation for a reduction from the list price of 28¢ for these. Each week brings out more business from the railways, several orders of large tonnage having appeared in all leading divisions. The return of freight blockades has materialized many deferred orders for cars, and locomotive shops are all busy once more. Steel mills are resuming at a rate that promises full operation in a few months.

Wire and kindred products are in brisk demand, and even structural material is awakening from a protracted period of lethargy caused by labor interruptions in the building trades and economical operation of railways in respect to new bridges, track elevation, etc. Blast furnaces are producing larger quantities of pig iron, although the movement of fuel is not as prompt as desired because of water supply and transportation shortages.

Prices of wool are fully maintained at recent advances, the eastern markets ruling quiet because of limited offerings rather than any slackening of demand. Woolen mills are actively engaged, the only cause for complaint being the price of raw material.

Failures this week numbered 206 in the United States, against 258 last year, and in Canada 39, compared with 14 a year ago.

FOUR MEN DROWNED.

Back Swell Capsizes Ferryman's Row-boat at Sarnia.

The rowboat of William Briggs, the night ferryman between Port Huron, Mich., and Sarnia, Ont., was upset near the Sarnia dock and four men from St. Thomas, Ont., who were passengers, were drowned.

The drowned are: Alfred Green, engineer, St. Thomas, Ont.; John S. Chreenan, fireman, St. Thomas; John Dack, brakeman, St. Thomas; James Connel, barkeeper, Sarnia, Ont.

Ferryman Briggs left the Port Huron dock with six passengers in his boat. A heavy sea was running on the St. Clair river, kicked up by the strong north wind that was blowing. The boat pitched and tossed on the waves but made the passage safely until within about 100 yards of the Sarnia dock. Then a heavy back swell from the shore suddenly caught the craft and capsized her. Briggs, John Dack, an engineer, of St. Thomas, and Daniel Fisher, a conductor, of Ridgeway, Ont., saved themselves by hanging to the overturned boat, but the other four passengers were drowned. The three railroad men who were drowned were Pere Marquette railway employes.

Mutiny in Black Sea Fleet.

According to a private telegram from Sebastopol, a portion of the crews of the Black Sea fleet mutinied November 22, under the influence of the revolutionary propaganda. The mutiny, it is added, was met by the force of arms and several of the mutineers were wounded. No confirmation of the report is obtainable at the admiralty.

SCOUTS SLAY 200 CHINAMEN.

A band of 1,500 Chinese bandits, with six guns, under Japanese officers, coming from the direction of the Liao river, was in conflict with three sections of border scouts near the station of Kaiwan early on the morning of November 23. The scouts charged without giving the bandits' battery time to come into action. The bandits made feeble resistance and fled in all directions, leaving 200 of their number dead. The Russian loss was trifling.

Peru and Brazil Sign Treaty.

News has reached Washington of the signing of a treaty between Peru and Brazil, looking to the peaceful settlement of the boundary disputes between the two nations and the adjustment of claims arising out of the boundary line disputes.

Another Bank Closes Its Doors.

The Big Bend National Bank, of Daventon, Wash., has been closed by direction of the Comptroller of the Currency because of insolvency, and National Bank Examiner Eugene T. Wilson has been appointed receiver. The failure of this bank, according to a statement issued by the comptroller, is due to losses sustained upon excessive loans, principally to mining interests with which the officers of the bank are identified.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Grain, Flour and Feed.	
Wheat—No. 2 red	\$1.05 1/2
Rye—No. 2	90 1/2
Corn—No. 2 yellow, ear	63 1/2
No. 2 yellow, shelled	63 1/2
Flax—ear	69 00
Oats—No. 2 white	41 1/2
No. 3 white	41 1/2
Flour—Winter patent	6.30 00
Straight white	5.75 00
Hay—No. 1 timothy	12.50 00
Clay No. 1	12.50 00
Feed—No. 1 white mid. ton	12.50 00
Brown middlings	12.